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The shortage of scrap iron in the DDR has become so acute that a special committee was formed to investigate all possible sources. The scrap iron need for 1950 is set at 1,300,000 tons. The optimum amount that can be collected within the DDR is estimated at 930,000 tons subdivided as follows:

Old scrap from war	167,800	T
" " from fields and woods	40,600	T
" " from wrecked buildings	85,300	T
New scrap from production	212,400	T
Scrap collected by public	14,900	T
" from sunken ships	79,000	T
" " RR	100,000	T
Kreislaufmaterial (Eisenschrott)	200,000	T

4. The committee has written to Minister of Industry Selbmann asking that he arrange for the import of 400,000 tons of scrap iron from foreign countries, or else arrange to obtain this quantity from West Germany. It is pointed out that the whole economic plan of the DDR is endangered if sufficient scrap iron is not obtained.

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